

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 191

Introduced by Assembly Member Cogdill

January 27, 2003

An act to add Section 6203.5 to the Penal Code, relating to conservation camps, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 191, as introduced, Cogdill. Conservation camps: Madera County.

Existing law establishes conservation camps under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.

This bill would require the Department of Corrections to house, at the Central California Women's Facility, or the Valley State Prison for Women, up to 120 inmates trained as conservation camp inmates. The Department of Corrections and the Department of Forestry would be authorized to use these inmates in the same manner as inmate crews housed at conservation camps. The operation of this bill would be contingent upon funding being provided from any public or private source, and a determination that there are enough female inmates who are eligible for purposes of the bill.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6203.5 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

6203.5. (a) The Department of Corrections shall house up to 120 inmates that have been trained as conservation camp inmates at the Central California Women's Facility, or the Valley State Prison For Women. These inmates shall be eligible for the same work time credits as if they were housed in a conservation camp.

(b) The Department of Corrections and the Department of Forestry shall use these inmates in the same manner as inmate crews housed in conservation camps.

(c) This section shall only become operative if funding for the purposes of this section is provided to both departments from any public or private source, and if the Director of Corrections determines that there are enough female inmates eligible for this purpose.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to ensure that additional trained conservation camp inmates are in place for the 2004 fire season, it is necessary that this act take immediate effect.

